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FOR NEA/INS: AMB VAN HOLLEN

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- 1) FOLLOWING REQUEST SET FORTH PARAGRAPH 2 REFTEL, DEPARTMENT AND AGENCY SRI LANKA DESK OFFICERS AND IMV OFFICER MET JANUARY 8 WITH GRIFFITH JOHNSON, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, MOTION PICTURE EXPORT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (MPEAA).
- 2) JOHNSON ADVISED THAT GEORGE VIETHEER, MPEAA DIRECTOR ASIAN DIVISION, HAS ALREADY INSTRUCTED THEIR REPRESENTATIVES BOMBAY MPEAA SUPPORTS FULLY BEGINNING COLOMBO NEGOTIATIONS SOON AS POSSIBLE. JOHNSON OBSERVED THAT "FRIGID" REACTION KRS-BOMBAY PROBABLY MISINTERPRETED, THAT HIATUS HAS BEEN OF SUCH LONG LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DURATION, IT MAY REQUIRE SOME CONSIDERABLE PREPARATION BOMBAY

REPRESENTATIVES FOR SUCH NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT (FYI)
NEGOTIATIONS WILL PROBABLY OCCUR ON TWO LEVELS (WITH THEATER
OWNERS, AND WITH APPROPRIATE MINISTRY ON REMITTANCE ARRANGEMENTS).
JOHNSON ALSO NOTED READINESS KRS-BOMBAY DELEGATION TO PARTICIPATE
COLOMBO NEGOTIATIONS MAY BE AFFECTED BY RECEIPT OF INSTRUCTIONS
FROM U.S. INTERNATIONAL MANAGERS MEMBER COMPANIES.

- 3) JOHNSON INDICATED MPEAA APPRECIATES EMBASSY INTEREST IN KEEPING OPEN CHANNEL SO COMMUNICATION, AND THAT ASSOCIATION DESIROUS NEGOTIATE SETTLEMENT.
- 4) COPY DETAILED MPEAA BACKGROUND PAPER ON HISTORY DISTRIBUTION AMERICAN FEATURE FILMS SRI LANKA 1970 TO PRESENT FOLLOWS.
- 5) COLOMBO BICENTENNIAL FESTIVAL ALSO DISCUSSED. JOHNSON EXPRESSED VIEW THAT IF POSSIBLE SUCH EVENT BE INCLUDED IN AGENCY/MPAA PLAN FOR POSSIBLE SPECIAL ACQUISITION FROM MEMBER COMPANIES OF SELECTED 35MM PRINTS OF CLASSIC FEATURE FILMS FOR SPECIAL PROGRAMMING, WHICH IS SUBJECT OF DETAILED CM THAT FOLLOWS. KOPP UNQTE PERKIS

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